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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by Board Chair Dawn Hall Apgar.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW (Chair)
Maureen Braun Scalera, MSW, LCSW (Vice-Chair)
Michelle Borden, MSW, LCSW, CSWM, DRCC
Patricia McKernan, MSW, LSW
Deanna Sperling, MS, RN
Philip McCabe, CSW, CAS, CDVC, DRCC
Elizabeth Manley, MSW, LSW
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq. (arrived 10:30AM, left at 12PM)

Absent:

Lisa Cox, Ph.D., LCSW
Carolyn Bradley, Ph.D., LCSW, LMFT, LCADC

Also attending:

Jodi Krugman, Deputy Attorney General
J. Michael Walker, Executive Director
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, Government Representative
Theresa Brundage, Administrative Staff

Announcement of Quorum

Board Chair Dawn Hall Apgar announced the presence of a quorum at 9:40 a.m.

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and The Courier Post.

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

A. December 9, 2015 Public Session Minutes

Upon motion made by Ms. Borden, and seconded by Ms. Braun-Scalera, the Board voted to approve the December 9, 2015 minutes as amended. Voting in favor: all.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Walker informed the Board that Regulatory Analyst, Charles Manning will have a draft of the proposed regulation changes ready for review at the February 10, 2016 meeting.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Jean Weston, LCSW, Associate Executive Director, NASW-NJ

Ms. Weston discussed with the Board that New York State is now requiring continuing education for all licensees, but entities approved in New York are approved as providers rather than on a course by course basis in New Jersey, and therefore the licensee should be aware of this. Ms. Weston stated that the NASW NJ will put a link on their front page of their website with a tip sheet to understanding NJ regulations, as well as linking the approved list of continuing education for New Jersey. CEs4Less does not provide approved courses.

The Board discussed that out of state licensees seeking to reinstate their New Jersey license, should provide proof that the continuing education courses presented meet the requirements of the other state.

The following members of the public were present but did not comment:

Allison Strobel, Social Work Intern, Rutgers DHS

Kristal Gohl, NASW Intern

VI. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS

Upon motion made by Ms. Braun-Scalera, and seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board approved all actions concerning clinical supervisors as listed below. Voting in favor: all.

A. Lisa Kepets- Moved to executive agenda.

B. Jennifer Marquez - Chariss Guzman is approved for Ms. Marquez' supervisor.

VII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

Upon motion made by Ms. Braun-Scalera, and seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board approved all of the following candidates as qualified for LCSW, LSW and CSW based on review of their application documents and in accordance with the Statute and Regulations and subject to review in the cases of pending criminal history background checks.

LCSW APPLICATIONS:

Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:

Miriam Breitowitz
Laura G. D'Alessandro
James G. Fennessy
Juan Flores
Dyna Frazier
Irem Gannon
Lisa A. Gray
Marion J. Grogan
Erica L. Hansen
David S. Houston
Rose Ann Kim
Brooke Laster
Lisa J. Marcus
Emily R. Maier
Andrea Pfeiffer
Alan M. Rice
Mark V. Rufino
Elizabeth G. Siegel
Jennifer R. Vivoli
Eve M. Yudelson

PENDING CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK:

Adriana C. Acosta
Elisa I. Acosta
Taryn L. Blaustein
Lauren E. Bugh
Jonathan S. Byrne
Mobin Chadha
Jacqueline Concepcion
Todd Eckert
Ashley A. Farscella
Kate S. Hamilton
Joan Hertz
Latoya Jean-Francois
Hadassah Kramer
Kevin M. Lenny
Ashley E. Macri
Kaitlyn E. McAndrew
Andrea Mendez
Tara M. Nicolson
Shira Pomrantz
Linda C. Oakes
Danielle M. Osenbruck
Rachel Rubinstein
Courtney A. Tokgoz
Johany Villalobos
Aviva C. Weinraub

LSW APPLICATIONS:

Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:

Kim Angle
Katherine Arzig
Janis L. Bossert
Kimberly M. Chaikel
Charis L. Chase
Angel A. Curitomai
Hilary D. Gould
Ann K. Lundgren
Desiree S. Mehta
Elizabeth F. Miller
Johan Pimentel
Marta E. Warner

PENDING CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK:

Caitlin M. Alford
Abigail Anderson
Catherine A. Bentler
Eun Choi
Lesa M. Cormack
Michelle L. Dsurney
Hadiyah Finney
Elfin A. Johanson
Suzanne Levy
Amanda E. Mayberry
Georges H. Mombrun
Jaine Nauman
Hilary M. Rives
Juliana B. Rosenbleeth
Daphne Thiberge
Heather L. Thompson

CSW APPLICATIONS:

No items to review.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Edward Lysaght, LCSW, LCADC

The Board reviewed the quarterly report submitted by Mr. Lysaght for supervision of Gregory Potter, LSW.

Upon motion made by Ms. McKernan, and seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board voted to accept the letter provided by Mr. Lysaght, and to send him the current regulations to review the requirements for supervision to be noted on future reports, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:44G-8.1 f). Voting in favor: all.

IX. OPEN DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

No items to review.

X. REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Regulations Committee

A draft of the proposed regulations will be brought before the Board for the February 10, 2016 meeting.

XI. MEETING DATES FOR 2016

February 10, 2016 - Monmouth Conference Room
March 9, 2016 - Hudson Conference Room
April 13, 2016 - Hudson Conference Room
May 11, 2016 - Monmouth Conference Room
June 8, 2106 - Hudson Conference Room
July 13, 2016 - Hudson Conference Room
August 10, 2016 - Hudson Conference Room
September 14, 2016 - Monmouth Conference Room
October 19, 2016 - Monmouth Conference Room
November 9, 2016 - Hudson Conference Room
December 14, 2016 - Hudson Conference Room

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Public session closed at 10:10 a.m. and the Board moved to executive session upon motion by Ms. Borden, seconded by Ms. Braun-Scalera. The Board re-entered public session at 1:25 p.m. upon motion made by Ms. Borden, and seconded by Ms. Manley, to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW
Chair